## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

receiving a stream of data from a server via a network;

rendering the stream of data at a first playback speed; and

switching to rendering the stream of data at a second playback speed different than the first playback speed without a user-detectable break between the rendering at the first playback speed and the rendering at the second playback speed.

2. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the stream of data comprises a composite media stream including a video stream and an audio stream.

3. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the second playback speed is faster than the first playback speed.

4. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the computer-executable instructions are further for performing a step comprising receiving a user selection identifying the second playback speed, and wherein the switching comprises switching to rendering the stream of data at the second playback speed in response to the user selection.

5. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the receiving comprises receiving the stream of data at a rate faster than necessary in order to aggressively refill a client data buffer.

6. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the switching comprises immediately beginning rendering the stream of data at the second playback speed as soon as a request to change to the second playback speed is received.

7. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the computer-executable instructions are further for performing a step comprising receiving the stream of data as a plurality of data packets, and wherein each of the plurality of data packets includes a tag identifying whether it was transferred for the first playback speed or for the second playback speed.

8. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 7, wherein the computer-executable instructions are further for performing a step comprising rendering the stream of data at either the first playback speed or the second playback speed based on the tags of the plurality of data packets.

9. (Original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 7, wherein the computer-executable instructions are further for performing a step comprising performing time-scale modification of the data stream in accordance with the playback speed identified by the tags of the plurality of data packets.

10. (Original) A method comprising:

rendering a first stream of data; and

switching to rendering a second stream of data at a different playback speed than the first stream of data without a user-detectable break between the first and second streams.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein:

the first stream comprises a composite stream including a first video data stream and a first audio data stream; and

the second stream comprises a composite stream including a second video data stream and a second audio data stream.

12. (Original) A method as received in claim 10, further comprising:

continuing to receive and render the first stream of data until the second stream of data is received; and

switching to rendering the second stream of data as soon as the second stream of data is received.

13. (Original) At least one computer-readable memory containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 10.

14-33. (Cancelled)